

## Lower Salford Township Mailbox Policy

For convenience and practicality, mailbox installations have been allowed within the right-of-way of Lower Salford Township's public roads; however, it is important to recognize that such installations have two very important conditions:

- The mailbox must be installed in accordance with applicable standards to ensure that mail can be delivered and that the mailbox does not create an obstacle or safety hazard to those that use or maintain the highway.
- **The mailbox is installed entirely at the owner's risk.** In other words, if the mailbox incurs damage during any sort of highway operations or maintenance, the property owner is not entitled to replacement or compensation. In fact, if the mailbox was not installed in accordance with the applicable standards as stated above, the owner may even be held liable for injuries or damages that may have been incurred as a result.



It is the job of the Public Works Department to remove snow from the road surfaces. There is little that can be done to prevent snow from being discharged from the plow blade. Mailboxes must be securely fastened to a sturdy post anchored in the ground to resist the impact of thrown snow. The Township will reimburse the homeowner only when the Township snow plow or truck is found to have made direct contact with the mailbox, not when the box is knocked over by snow or slush that is thrown by the plow.

If a mailbox has been physically struck by a Township snow plow it must be reported to the Department of Public Works within 48 hours.

If it is determined that the mailbox has been struck by a Township truck or snowplow and the mailbox was installed in accordance with the United States Postal Service Specifications (41 inches to 45 inches off the ground and back 6 inches to 8 inches from behind the curb), the Township will offer a reimbursement not to exceed \$50 for damage to the mailbox.

It shall be the responsibility of the homeowner to make the necessary repairs and provide a receipt for reimbursement. Please refer to the US Postal Service Guidelines as noted on their website <https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>.